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TO THE STARS AND STRIPES

(Frederick A. Wells in Zion's Herald)

Wave high, O banner of beauty!
Float far, fairest emblem of right!
Thy stripes that bold tyrant shall
punish;
Thy stars shall illumine his night.

Thy folds, by soft breezes fondled,
Shall fetter the war lords of lust;
While armies beleaguered shall love
thee,
And under thy shadow shall trust.

Thy staff, so stalwart and sturdy,
Thereon weary nations shall lean;
Or better betimes be the scepter
Held out by Columbia, Queen.

To peoples of earth seeking safety,
And sailing o'er seas to be free,
Who, famishing, halt at her footstool,
To find its fulfillment in thee.

Float far, fairest emblem of freedom!
To the uttermost corners of earth;
Till peoples and nations, uniting,
Count blessed the day of thy birth.

Each one of them standing on tiptoe,
Extending her fingers afar,
And touching thy folds in her fond-
ness,
Shall pluck from thy blue field a
star.

A star to be set in her own flag;
A star to shine forth in its sky;
A bright star of hope for the hope-
less;
A star-light that never shall die.

Thrift

Friday is the anniversary of the birthday of one of America's greatest statesmen, Benjamin Franklin, and the United States Government proposes to capitalize the day as an idea of thrift and the purchase of War Savings Stamps. Franklin's picture appears on the 1919 series of War savings of Poor Richard's Almanac celebrate the day is to buy these stamps liberally on Jan. 17.

No American ever wrote more wisely on the habits of thrift and the sayings of Poor Richard's Almanac have become classic. The United States government needs the people's money today as never before to complete their far-reaching program of reconstruction. And the individual as well needs to cultivate the habit of savings which has made the French people the most thrifty on earth and added to the stability of a great nation.

Don't let Friday go by without buying one or more 25 cent pictures of Benjamin Franklin.

Prohibition

The nation has adopted prohibition and the action of the Vermont House in referring the question to a committee prevented the Green Mountain state from being in the list of the necessary three-fourths that will make the nation bone dry. It is predicted in Washington that the measure will be effective a year from this time and it cannot be changed so long as there are 13 states in the Union that desire to keep it.

National prohibition was hastened by the war and the fact that the European nations in the past few years have placed great restrictions on the liquor traffic helped the movement in the United States. The fact that no state has yet voted against the measure shows that it is no local sentiment, but a nation-wide decision that John Barleycorn must go.

That the Vermont legislature did not take prompter action is regrettable and any attempt now to do anything but accept the amendment would be foolish in the extreme.

Complete Supply.

A woman had her little daughter at a shoe store to be fitted. The clerk put one shoe on and asked her to walk around and see how it felt. She did so, then said to the clerk: "It feels, almighty, I'll take two of 'em!"

Valuable New Metal.

A white metal, which takes a brilliant polish and holds it on exposure to the atmosphere, and claimed to be composed by an alloy of bismuth, mercury, tin, zinc and copper, has been covered by a patent.

PRESS COMMENT

The British on the Sea

The difference between Great Britain's control of the sea and Germany's army on land is that nobody has any reason to be afraid of the former. The British fleet is for defensive purposes only. Great Britain is an island, and would have small chance of defence by an army if an enemy invaded her. She must have a great fleet as her only sure protection. She has one, but never has she used it, as Germany would have used it, to strangle the trade of other nations. The seas are as free to trade as if Great Britain's navy were the size of Venezuela's.

This is why Germany's conception of the "freedom of the seas" in time of peace was always without a grain of foundation. As for war, Britain has used her fleet as fairly and legitimately as in time of peace. Her navy is unstained by any of the atrocities that made the world's blood run cold during the short life of the German navy. Without it we could not have won this war, and despite the temptation to retaliate the British navy conducted its share of the war as impeccably as if it had been fighting an honorable foe. The British fleet is a protection to the world's trade in time of peace, and a bulwark against assassins in time of war. It is a friend to the trader, but a terror to the pirate, as Germany now knows.—New York Times.

May Rest Content

If Mexico does not wish to dispose of Lower California to the United States, as proposed in House and Senate resolutions, all she needs to do is to say so and then stick to it. Mexico will not be forcibly deprived of the peninsula. The Mexican newspaper which thinks it sees an implied menace against its country in the American proposal may rest content.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Unfortunate Selection

Red, yellow and black, the colors proposed for the new German republic, seem to be an unfortunate selection—too suggestive of the German past. If the German republic is to be, as the President puts it, "one of us," it ought to get rid of that yellow streak at least, and the black is reminiscent of deeds that will not bear recounting.—Minneapolis Tribune.

We Must Feed the Starving

America's role in helping to feed Europe is so vital that the Senate, having placed such safeguards as may seem desirable about the measure, cannot fail to pass the \$100,000,000 appropriation relief bill. The whole burden of food relief is not to rest upon this country. But America can do more than any other country in this crisis to prevent Europe from falling into an economic and social ruin worse than anything experienced since the Middle Ages. We should now be as keen to aid in this work of restoration as we were to destroy militaristic Germany.—Springfield Republican.

Peace is not Signed

If the military power of the Allies were reduced too rapidly and too sweepingly, what security would there be for the acceptance by the enemy of the Peace terms which the Allies are preparing to dictate? That it should be necessary to ask such a question is entirely granted to Germany such a dangerous indulgence as the liberty to keep her armies embodied. The German Press is already proclaiming the fact that those armies are unbeaten. Any lack of precaution on our part might well invite the attempt to prove that claim to be true. Until the Peace is settled and fulfilled the Allies cannot afford to take any risks of losing by negligence what they have at long last won, by hard fighting. That this last burden should be laid on our fighting men, who have already made such sacrifice, is hard indeed. But it adds one more item to the nation's already heavy load of obligation, and in doing it so should quicken still further the remembrance of that obligation.—London Post.

Linking Two Continents

Many—a great many Americans—have been taught to believe that the United States was politically free of Europe. The fallacy has been promulgated in schools and colleges and on the stump for many years. But every son and daughter of an oppressed race who came to this country—and there have been 30,000,000 of them in 50 years—knew differently for attached to each one of these immigrants was an invisible thread of home sentiment that would not be broken. There is nothing that strengthens this thread of sentiment like oppression, and here in the United States threads all met and were spun into ropes which have helped more than people realize in pulling down the oppressive Governments of Europe and making audible the cry of Self-Determination.—Boston Globe.

Reginald Hoskins, a Jericho youth broke an arm last week by taking a headlong tumble while coasting down a bank on his skis. About four years ago he broke the same arm while at play.

VERMONT NEWS

Mrs. Carrie Inman Arbogast, well known as an artist in Chicago and Detroit, died in Castleton recently. She had been making her home with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Inman in Castleton.

Fred O. Ladd was re-elected president of the Barre Hotel company and in spite of the fact that the company ran behind \$1200 in the last year action was taken at the annual meeting to borrow money to make up the deficit and to continue the hotel on the same standard as heretofore.

Otis W. Barrett, who has been with the United States Department of Agriculture since 1901 as an expert in horticulture, is at his home in Clarendon for the holidays, after a five months' trip to the East Indies to gather coconut shells for making gas masks. Mr. Barrett, who is a graduate of the University of Vermont, has devoted all his life since leaving college to agricultural work, especially in the tropics and this has taken him to various parts of the globe.

The Congregational church of Rutland found itself with a balance of \$302.05 in the treasury after all bills had been paid at the end of the year. The society holds trust funds aggregating \$6,773.

One of the largest wall-eyed pike ever caught in the Connecticut river at Brattleboro was taken from the water there this week by George Oakes. It measured 26 inches and weighed seven pounds.

Mrs. C. A. Corse, a Cambridge woman, who is a great sufferer from rheumatism, has in the period from Dec. 4 to Jan. 4, knitted eight pairs of socks for the Red Cross. Her infirmity prevents her getting about, but not the use of her hands.

Guy B. Horton, an attorney in Burlington for several years, has accepted a position as attorney with the National Life Insurance company of Montpelier, to begin his duties there at once. Mr. Horton will retain an office in Burlington for a time.

James H. Allen, for 20 years a barber in Brattleboro, died Friday at the home of his father in Jamaica Plain, Mass., of valvular heart disease and a nervous breakdown. Mr. Allen had been in failing health for two months.

According to records kept in Brattleboro, the year 1918, had both the highest average temperature and the coldest day in the nine years that records had been kept. The mean temperature for the year was 2.4 degrees higher than the average for the nine-year period as well as for any one of the years, and the temperature on Jan. 2, 1918, was 27 below zero, the extreme low mark for the nine years.

Beginning January 15, department and ready-to-wear stores in Burlington are to open at 8.30 in the morning and close at 5.30 in the afternoon, this arrangement to remain in force until April 1, when a summer schedule will be arranged. The stores are to be open Saturday evenings as formerly. The opening hour has been 8 a. m. and the closing hour 6 p. m.

Twenty-seven Rutland young men gave their lives in the service of their country during the war and during the memorial service last Sunday for Pvt. George A. Swinnerton, who was killed in action in France in August, the names of all the Rutland boys who lost their lives were read.

About 20 cords of wood were burned in a fire in Georgia Monday, which started in the horse barn of G. S. Conger and spread to a shed where the wood was stored. A hog and a few hens, together with farm implements, were burned. There was some insurance on the property.

Governor Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts was born and reared in Plymouth, the son of John Coolidge, who has held nearly all of the town offices and some county and state, likewise. He attended his son's inauguration.

Official notice has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. LaFrancis of West Rutland of the death of their son, Pvt. Rowell J. LaFrancis, in action in France. He was 23 years old and went overseas in September, 1917.

Mrs. W. H. Blaisdell of Orleans, who, with her husband, left that town Dec. 21 for Miami, Fla., where they intended to pass the winter, died Jan. 11 at the home of her sister in Southern Pines, N. C., of pneumonia.

John L. Ross of Brattleboro may lose the sight of one eye as a result of an accident that happened at his home Monday. Mr. Ross was carrying wood into the cellar when he slipped and fell and a part of a set of scales came in contact with his face near one eye.

Lumbering business was never better in Brattleboro than at the present time. The mills are running at full capacity and at the Holden & Martin yard 69 loads of logs were delivered in one day, 17 loads within 15 minutes. At other yards there are big consignments.

PEACHAM

The annual church dinner and business and roll call meeting of the Methodist church was held at the church on Wednesday. About 60 were present for dinner, and a very pleasant time enjoyed. The election of officers for the Ladies' Aid took place and was as follows: President, Mrs. Hayward; vice pres., Mrs. Walter Thorne; secretary, Mrs. George Darling; treasurer, Mrs. Ray Cooley; assistant treas., Mrs. Ray Cooley; chaplain, Mrs. Cooley. An entertainment and food committee was also chosen.

The finance committee of the Red Cross gave an oyster supper on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14, in Blair's hall. The affair was principally in charge of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Esden and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hastie. About 110 were present and took supper. A very enjoyable feature of the evening was the readings by Mrs. Doyle of St. Johnsbury, and the instrumental music by Miss Elsie Choate and Lou Stevenson. The entertainment cleared \$8.95 for the Red Cross, and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

A very lively runaway occurred at East Peacham on Thursday afternoon when I. J. Hovey's horse driven by Mr. Gray took flight near Albert Peak's house and suffered herself from the sleigh struck for home leaving pieces of harness, bells, etc., along the route. In five minutes from the time the horse started from East Peacham, she arrived at Mr. Hovey's, white with foam, and has been in a very high strung condition ever since. No one was hurt and not so much damage was done as might have been supposed from such a rapid flight.

H. A. Renfrew came home from Montpelier Saturday and on Sunday morning was taken very ill with grip. At present writing he is more comfortable although not able to sit up. Mrs. Renfrew came home Tuesday from Montpelier.

Miss Lou Stevenson, who has been home sick for a few days, returned to her work at the New England telephone office at Danville, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Peacham Library Association was held on Friday evening at the library. The following officers were chosen: Pres., Rev. T. A. Carlson; vice pres., Mrs. Mary Mackay; sec., Miss Elizabeth Parker; treas., and librarian, Mrs. Kate Hutchinson; executive committee, C. A. Bunker, Rev. T. A. Carlson, Mrs. Herbert Hooker, Mrs. H. A. Renfrew and Mrs. Laura Palmer.

The annual church dinner of the Congregational church was held at the vestry and town hall on Thursday, Jan. 16. It was a nice warm day and 150 took dinner. All bills were reported paid, and one new church committee elected. E. R. Mackay in place of Moses Martin, who resigned. It was voted to adopt the "every member drive" which has been so successfully carried out in other places. This will take place Sunday, Jan. 26. Rev. C. H. Merrill of St. Johnsbury was present and spoke on this subject.

Mrs. Betsey Dunn, who has been very feeble for some time, passed away Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Farrow. The funeral was held Friday and burial at the Walter Harvey cemetery where Mr. Dunn's buried.

NORTH DANVILLE

Mrs. Rufus Hubbard, who has been quite ill with rheumatic fever is gaining.

The S. and D. of L. meeting has been postponed until next Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cassidy of Walden were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Cassidy, Friday.

Mrs. Peter Vondol and five children and Mrs. Tirzah Cook are ill.

Miss Helen Joyce and Eva Powers spent the week end with their parents from their school at Lyndon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickford from Danville visited at C. T. Clifford's, Friday.

Herbert Stanton is more comfortable at this writing.

There was a good attendance at the dance Friday evening. There will be another dance in two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Massey of St. Johnsbury Center and Fred Morse of St. Johnsbury spent the week end at W. H. Clifford's.

Miss Lois Clifford of St. Johnsbury visited at her uncle's, George Stanton's, the last of the week.

Miss Jennie Martin of Goss Hollow is working at Herbert Stanton's.

Dr. Ross of St. Johnsbury was called to see Mrs. Harriet Bailey, Sunday.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Walter Mertz and two sons, Walter and Stuart, returned to their home in Wayne, Pa., yesterday, having spent the past few weeks at the home of Mrs. Mertz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Day. Mr. Day accompanied them as far as New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Morrill were called to Worcester, Mass., today by the death on Tuesday of Beman A. Donaldson. He left a wife and three children, his wife being the daughter of the late Charles Ranney of St. Johnsbury and a niece of Mrs. Morrill.

V. E. Lurchin returns Wednesday from the Moose River Realty Co. logging camp in Maine, where he has been for a few days.

Captain and Mrs. Ralph Llewellyn of Chicago, Ill., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Brooks.

The funeral of Rev. Dr. Edward T. Fairbanks was held at his late residence at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Rev. Dr. F. A. Poole officiated and paid a most tender and appreciative tribute to Dr. Fairbanks. The bearers were Lt.-Col. Joseph Fairbanks, Arthur P. Stone, Herbert W. Blodgett, Frank H. Brooks, Ernest H. Covles and Charles H. Horton. Four of the Academy trustees acted as escort at the grave, Rev. Dr. C. H. Merrill, Robert Mackinnon, Percy F. Hazen and Louis N. Smythe. During the hour of service all places of business were closed.

Captain Karl Davis has been discharged from the army and he has a position in Toledo, Ohio. Captain and Mrs. Davis will live in Toledo.

Mrs. Elizabeth Laird Thomas has been appointed matron of the new Red Cross convalescent home at Camp McClellan, Ala. Her husband, Captain R. B. Thomas has been stationed at the base hospital for some time and both have made many friends.

The village trustees have decided to move the central fire station 12 feet to the west and then the building will be off the government land. While the building is being moved the big trucks will have to be stored elsewhere. The building on its new site will be used until the municipality takes further action on a municipal building.

Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth Beck died at the home of her son, Harry Beck, on Lafayette street Wednesday night. She was the wife of William Beck. She leaves besides her husband one daughter, Mrs. R. N. Piper, and a son, Harry Beck, and two grandchildren. The funeral was held Friday and the remains were taken to East Charleston for burial.

E. T. Ide and Mrs. W. A. Ide and son, Richard, left Friday morning for Bradenton, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy E. Kittredge of Watertown, Conn., are the happy parents of a son, born Jan. 15, and a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kittredge and great grandson to Mrs. C. G. Perrygo.

Little Lois Brigham of Newport who has been seriously ill of influenza at the home of her aunt, Mrs. George Blakeley, is a little more comfortable at this writing. Mrs. Brigham is also recovering slowly from a very serious operation at the home.

George Baldwin of Concord N. H., state deputy for Vermont and New Hampshire of the Modern Woodmen of America, gave an illustrated lecture on the splendid work this order is doing to rid the world of the white plague at Odd Fellows hall, Wednesday night. There was a good number present and many fine views were shown, including many of the sanatorium that the order maintains in Colorado.

The lecture on "The War and the Peace" by Peter MacQueen at the North church Thursday night was greatly enjoyed by a good audience. Mr. MacQueen has very positive opinions of the German people and in his discussion of a League of Nations said if England and the United States stood together in all policies in the future, as they ought to, the peace of the world would be assured. Nearly 200 colored views were thrown on the screen, including many pictures of the battlefields and military equipment of the war. The speaker gave many interesting facts that had hitherto been kept as military secrets and was frequently applauded as portraits and pictures appeared on the screen.

Three candidates were initiated at the Eastern Star meeting at the Temple Friday evening after which lunch was served.

Rev. Harold Guy Don Scott returned Friday from Montpelier where he has been in attendance at the Vermont conference for social workers.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Berting Reynolds, Jan. 17, and granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Daniels and great granddaughter to Mrs. Carrie C. Daniels.

Joseph Leveque has returned from army service and taken his old position in A. J. Remillard's barber shop. Mr. Leveque was at Montreal for the past nine months serving in the Canadian army.

present and the work is making good progress.

Clarence A. Bennett has returned from Manchester, N. H., where he attended the annual meeting of Vermont-New Hampshire Retail Monument Dealers' association. It is expected that the next annual meeting will be held in Barre.

The weekly report which has been sent from St. Johnsbury to the Hoover administration in Washington of the price of the various staples, including groceries, flour, etc., has been discontinued by order of the department. This service has been faithfully performed for many months by Dr. Dale S. Atwood.

The automobile truck was called to No. 29 Pearl street about 11 o'clock Saturday morning to a double tenement house owned by Mrs. Gray. There was much smoke and little fire and the firemen soon took care of the trouble. The cause was the smoke from a disconnected chimney and a serious fire might have resulted if it had not been discovered in time.

It was soldiers' and sailors' night at Grace Methodist Brotherhood Friday night and all present greatly enjoyed the addresses. The first speaker was George I. Morrison who was with the Canadian Railroad Corps and also at the battle of Vimy Ridge. Glen Pales, who has crossed the Atlantic many times with the transports, told of some most interesting experiences of the sinking of submarines. G. D. Smith, a member of the 14th Regiment, 74th Company of the Marines, was in the engagement at Belleau Woods and of the 8,000 in that engagement he is one of the 600 that are left.

Miss Hazel Walker is clerking in the Berry-Rail store.

Mrs. Howard Ford and son, John, spent Sunday with Mr. Ford in Newport.

At a meeting of the North Church Brotherhood Sunday afternoon these officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, B. A. Palmer; vice-pres., Charles A. Shields; secretary and treasurer, Homer F. Rice.

Edmund P. Hamilton has returned from Washington where he has been for two weeks attending an institute for examiners in the United States Employment Service. About 30 employees of the service attended the gathering.

Joseph Brunelle & Son have the contract for moving the central fire station to its new location 12 feet west of the present site and began work Monday morning. The building now rests on the government land for eight feet. The two automobile trucks will be stored in the Goss garage while the building is being moved.

A memorial entitled "Tributes to Peter Black" has been published by the parishioners of his last charge, the Methodist Episcopal church at Newtonville, Mass., and a richly bound copy sent to Grace Methodist church to keep among the archives of the church. A beautiful likeness of Mr. Black appears as the frontispiece and there is also a picture of the memorial window at Grace Methodist church. The memorial is beautifully printed and contains many deserved tributes to a beloved pastor.

Pvt. W. E. Taylor, who landed from overseas service on Jan. 7, came up from Camp Devens over Sunday on a short furlough to visit his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, returning to the camp Monday morning where he expects soon to get his discharge. He is a member of the 65th Coast Artillery and was in the engagements at Chateau Thierry, Argonne Woods and Verdun. He was gassed in one of the engagements and was in the hospital three months.

The postponed annual supper of the South church will be held Wednesday night. The men of the church are to serve the supper.

Fabian S. Reed, who has been sick with influenza, is a little better.

Robert L. Stone has returned from Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, having received his discharge from service in the Medical Corps.

The local Congregational Ministerial Association is holding its regular meeting at the North church today.

The Ladies' Circle of the Universalist church will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Edwin Spencer of 8 Cherry street.

Mrs. Rebecca P. Fairbanks has returned to Newtonville, Mass., after a few days spent in town, being called home by the death of Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to take this way to thank the members of the N. E. O. P., the D. of R., the Ladies' Circle of the Church of Messiah, also the neighbors and friends for their kindness and flowers during my recent illness.

Mrs. John F. Finley.

William Newton, about 50, died suddenly Wednesday night in the barn of Charles Parker at Chittenden, where he had lain down to sleep, death being due to heart disease.

Perley W. Chapman, for many years a resident of Bradford but for the past few years living in Manchester, N. H., was found dead in bed there recently, on his 77th birthday.

DON'T OVERLOOK

the fact that saved
dimes soon amount to
dollars.
Why wait until you are
older before starting
an account with us.
Now is just the time.

WELLS
RIVER
SAVINGS
BANK
WELLS RIVER, VT.

Y. M. C. A. Will Send 200 Ministers Abroad

New York, Jan. 21—The Young Men's Christian association is preparing to send abroad 200 of the most prominent American clergymen to preach to American soldiers. This announcement was made by Dr. John R. Mott, chairman of the Y. M. C. A. Work Council, at a meeting here tonight of the Interchurch Emergency Campaign Committee which is raising \$10,000,000 for post-war activities among soldiers and sailors.

Besides Dr. Mott the speakers included Bishop Luther B. Wilson of the Methodist Episcopal church, director of the Y. M. C. A.'s religious activities, and Dr. Robert E. Spear, chairman of the General War Time Commission of the Churches. Rt. Rev. Theodore Irving Reese, bishop coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Southern Ohio, presided.

Dr. Spear spoke on the need of church work among soldiers. He described how communion was administered to men departing for battle and said that the soldiers had appeared in such numbers for the sacrament that the waiter had to be broken in small pieces and the last in line could only press the cracker to their lips.

"These men were not all Christians," he said. "Some of them were moved by the intensity of the moment perhaps to a superstitious observance. But at just that time they all felt the need of God. It is to this need that we must make answer."

WALDEN

The snow rollers appeared for the first time this winter, Jan. 13.

School commences again this week. Church services were held here Sunday.

The influenza cases are all recovering about here though in some parts of the town whole families are sick and hardly enough well to open in the neighborhood to care for the sick.

A horse owned by Allen Taylor and driven by Joe Rodgers ran from the Heights the other evening. After smashing the sleigh and unloading the driver, it was found after several hours at Fred Giles', with the broken shafts attached. Injuries were slight.

Hugh Jones is spending a month's furlough with his uncle, Orrin Kittredge, from a camp in Florida.

There was a double wedding at the parsonage, Saturday evening, Jan. 11, when Ralph Lawson and Miss Hazel Kittredge, Will Kittredge and Miss Hester Whitman were united in marriage by Rev. A. E. Schoff.

Mrs. Clifford of West Danville visited her daughter, Mrs. Leon Chase, several days recently.

Mrs. Ed. Burk of Stannard visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flossom, and Mrs. Burroughs and also her brother, Leon Chase one day last week.

The food preservation census in Windham county, which lacks reports from a few communities, shows that the women in 2,040 families, or about 50 per cent of the housewives of the county, put up more than 147,000 quarts of food products the past season besides 25,957 jars of jellies. They also put down 12,788 dozens of eggs. There were left over from the previous year 12,891 quarts of canned foods.

The barge Kathleen, launched at the Charlestown navy yard this week, was christened by 11-year-old Kathleen Wilson, daughter of Captain A. Wilson of the corps attached to the yard. For the christening, Miss Wilson used a bottle of Vermont cider.

The date of the annual dinner for the mountain folk round about Rutland has been set for Feb. 1.

"Flu" signs were placed on 14 residences in Rutland Wednesday and the hospital has 51 patients.

Rev. Arthur Sargent of Pembroke, Mass., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the church at West Fairlee Center.